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I trust by this time you are back in [REDACTED]. I am very pleased you were able to make the trip to [REDACTED] and get a firsthand look at your new Station. I am sure that the visit was well worthwhile, and I am glad that you were able to make it out of funds available during the fiscal year 1947. We do not know for sure how our budget for 1948 will come out, but undoubtedly funds will not be as plentiful as they have been this year.

[REDACTED] sent you the information relative to the increased allowance for the [REDACTED] Project. I feel sure that this amount is adequate. While it would be nice to say later on that we did not use all the money allotted to us, I do not think we should take this attitude. As long as we have the money available to spend, it is perfectly all right to spend it, but we must take every precaution to insure that we do not have to ask for more money for this Project. We have been working constantly here to get all the money obligated prior to July 1, 1947. I am informed that all of the money has been obligated except about \$7,000.00, and I do not believe this amount will be great enough to cause us any difficulty. We are, of course, sorry to learn that you feel this Station may not be in operation before December 1, 1947, but we understand the circumstances.

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I am sorry that I was unable to get the Finance Division, CIG, to approve the extension of temporary duty of [REDACTED] Pioneers. Their attitude is that this was an exception in the first place to allow these employees to remain on this status for more than sixty days. Furthermore, this is the situation which all of these employees will have to face when they are transferred to [REDACTED] it will not be possible to grant them any such period of temporary duty. As a matter of fact, the per diem allowances will probably be allowed only for the duration of travel. The Finance Division, therefore, felt that we did not have very good grounds for requesting an extension for the employees that were already there.

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[REDACTED] The Special Reports Division is very appreciative of [REDACTED] work, and I hope you will [REDACTED] continue to assist along these lines.

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